

Troopers Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash – Dover

Dover, Delaware – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit are investigating a fatal crash involving a motorcycle that took place late last night.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:21 p.m., Wednesday, November 21, 2018, on Forrest Avenue (SR 8) at Artis Drive west of Dover. A 2013 Mazda MZ3, operated by a 27-year-old of Dover, was traveling northbound on Artis Drive and stopped at the stop sign at the intersection of Forrest Avenue (SR 8). A 2000 Kawasaki motorcycle, operated by a 27-year-old of Hartly, was traveling east bound on Forrest Avenue (SR 8) approaching the intersection of Artis Drive. The Mazda pulled away from the stop sign and attempted to make a left turn into the path of the Kawasaki motorcycle. The motorcycle operator braked and laid the motorcycle down on its left side and slid into the left front fender and driver's side door of the Mazda for impact in the east bound lane within the intersection. After impact the Mazda driver drove to a residence on Sharon Hill Road north of the collision scene. The motorcycle operator was ejected and thrown onto the roadway just north of the area of impact. The Kawasaki motorcycle came to rest in the area of the initial impact.

The 27 year old of Dover and operator of the Mazda MZ3 returned to the crash scene a short time later in another vehicle and identified himself to witnesses to having been involved in the collision. He was not injured in the collision. This investigation is ongoing and charges are pending. Alcohol is suspected on the part of this driver.

The operator of the Kawasaki motorcycle, 27 of Hartly, was pronounced dead at the scene. He was wearing a helmet. Identification of the victim is pending notification

of next of kin.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3 ½ hours while the investigation was completed and the roadway was cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact M/Cpl. W. Killen of the Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-698-8451. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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